Law Commission's suggestion for uniform legal procedure for conducting raids against sales tax evasion

382. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received from the Law Commission suggesting uniform legal procedure for all States for conducting raids against sales tax evasion;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what are the salient features of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

RBI interest rate structure for FCNR deposits

383. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any changes have been made by the Reserve Bank of India in the interest rate structure for FCNR deposits; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b) FCNR deposits accounts interest rates are reviewed on regular basis and revised as and when necessitated by fluctuation in interest rates in overseas markets.

The rates prevailing as on the date of the last change made on 27th December, 1989 are as follows:

Currency	6 month	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year
Pound sterling	11.50	11.75	12.00	12.00
US Dollar	8.75	8.75	9.25	9.50
Deutch Mark	8.75	8.75	9.00	9.00
Japanese Yen	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25

Handloom export to the United States

384. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item concerning handloom export to the United States;

(b) whether the dispute raised by the United States in respect of export of Indian handloom garments has been resolved;

(c) if so, what are the details of the solution arrived at; and

(d) what are the projections for export of this item of USA during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No dispute has been raised by the USA in respect of export of Indian handloom garments.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Exports of handloom garments are reflected in the total of all garment ex-

ports to the US. Excepting in a few Categories, no separate quota for handloom garments is maintained. During 1989 exports of handloom garments are expected to be approximately Rs. 7 crores. These relate to exports against the limited earmarked quotas specific to handloom garments. However, since US Customs do not maintain separate accounts for handloom garments at the importing end it is difficult accurately to estimate the actual exports of handloom garments.

Delay in declaration of result of Delhi Judicial Service Examination, 1989

385. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Administration had conducted the Delhi Judicial Services Examination in October, 1989 exclusively for SC/ST candidates, under the special recruitment drive for these categories;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in declaring the results and holding the interview when the process of recruitment under the special drive should have been completed during the current calendar year; and

(c) by when Government propose to recruit the successful candidates.

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Yes Sir. The Delhi Judicial Services Examination was held by the Delhi High Court, in October, 1989.

(b) There was no time limit to complete the drive during the current calendar year. Interviews of the selected candidates are likely to be held in the January, 1990.

(c) The recruitment is likely to be completed during January, 1990.

Modernisation of sick textile mills

386. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sick textile mills will be allowed to close down or these are likely to be nationalised;

(b) what is Government's plan to expedite modernisation of textile miles without causing hardships to workers; and

(c) whether there is a time-bound programme in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Revival of a sick mill depends on its viability being established before the Nodal Agency/BIFR. There may be no alternative but to allow closure of non-viable sick textile mills which have no expectation of becoming viable within a reasonable period of time, as takeover or nationalisation of such units does not provide a solution to the problem of sickness.

(b) and (c) The Government had set up a Textile Modernisation Fund with a corpus of Rs. 750 crores for the modernisation of the organised textile industry. This would be enhanced suitably in the Eighth Plan. As per the existing Textile Policy, rationalisation of labour has to be negotiated for satisfactory solution. Funds needed for payment of retrenchment benefit to labour form part of rehabilitation package. The State Govts. have been advised to take measures for rehabilitation/redeployment of the affected workers.

Dilution of FERA Provisions

387. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for dilution of FERA provisions